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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ICAO - NICOSIA AIRPORT AND AIRWAYS PROBLEM

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1. PURSUANT TO GRAVATT TELCON TO USREP, IN MEETING WITH PRES/COUNCIL, USREP ASKED ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ICAO RE AVIATION SITUATION CYPRUS. PRES/COUNCIL INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US FULLY INVOLVED AND INFORMED OF ICAO EFFORTS AS FOLLOWS: ICAO AND UN HAVE WORKED OUT PLAN FOR REOPENING AIRPORT AND FIR WHICH ICAO HAS NOW AGREED TO IN WRITING: (A) THE FIR WOULD REOPEN UNDER ICAO SUPERVISION; (B) THE AIRPORT WOULD REOPEN WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS WORKING UNDER SUPERVISION OF UN/ICAO UNDER AN OPUS-TYPE SITUATION WITH THE UN ASSUMING LIABILITY. (HISTORICALLY ICAO HAS REFUSED ASSUME LIABILITY FOR OPERATIONAL JOBS). (C) ICAO PROPOSED TO GREECE/TURKEY/CYPRUS AN AIRWAYS SYSTEM BASICALLY RETURNING TO PRE-HOSTILITIES OPERATIONS (WHICH PRES TRIED TO WORK OUT DURING OCT ASSEMBLY MONTREAL, BUT HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED). GREECE AND CYPRUS RESPONSE LUKE-WARM BUT NO RESPONSE FROM TURKEY. PRES/COUNCIL SENT FOLLOW-UP CABLE FEW DAYS AGO. (D) REGARDING G-12
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ROUTE, HE COMMENTED "HOPELESS". (D) MENTIONED PROBLEM WITH BEIRUT-

NORTHERN GREECE ROUTING ON WHICH PILOTS HAVE BEEN CONTACTING
NICOSIA ADVISORY SERVICE. TURKEY COMMUNICATIONS INTERRUPT WITH
CONTRARY OR CONFUSING INTERVENTIONS. PRES/COUNCIL INDICATED
THAT HE HAD PROPOSED 15-30 MINUTE ADVANCE REPORTING FROM AIRCRAFT
APPROACHING FIR BOUNDARIES, BOTH WAYS (INSTEAD OF REPORTING AT
TIME OF CROSSING). PRES/COUNCIL ASKED USREP NOT TO TRANSMIT
ANY OF THESE DETAILS WITHIN THE BUILDING. EFFORT IS HIS AND
SECGENS BACKED UP BY ICAO AIRNAV BUREAU TECHNICIANS. ALTHOUGH
REFTEL DOES NOT SO INDICATE, USREP ASSUMES THAT USUN WORKING
WITH UN RE THESE ICAO EFFORTS IN CONTEXT OF TOTAL PICTURE.
IF NOT, USREP WILL OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND REPORT
PROMPTLY RE DEVELOPMENTS.
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